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Secretary Marlene Dortch  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12<sup>th</sup> St. SW  
Washington, DC 20554

*Dear* Secretary Dortch,

Please work to help families and businesses bridge the digital divide by allowing for free broadband internet access. With the ability to use broadband, more businesses will be able to operate on-line and reach beyond their immediate area, allowing them to grow their business. With broadband, more families-will be able to receive important news and information.

The proposal by M2Z Networks before the **FCC** would provide free, fast and family-friendly broadband to all American families and businesses. This country needs more internet access, provided to everyone and provided in a safe environment. I'm concerned for the smaller communities, and the families and businesses that cannot afford broadband, or do *not* have access in their area. In fact, only **42%** of American homes currently have broadband connections. No American should be left behind because the option does not currently exist.

I **ask** you to help make this option available to everyone by supporting Docket # 07-16. Doing so will serve to **keep** Americans connected, not separated simply because of where they **live** or their economic situation,

Sincerely,



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CC: FCC Chairman Kevin Martin  
Commissioner **Copps**  
Commissioner Adelstein  
Commissioner Tate  
Commissioner McDowell  
Wireless Bureau Chief Fred Campbell  
U.S. Senator Richard Burr  
**U.S.** Senator Elizabeth Dole